NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED I-73 CONNECTOR FROM N.C. 68 TO BRYAN BOULEVARD, WEST OF THE GREENSBORO WESTERN LOOP

TIP Project No. I-5110

Guilford County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Public Meeting for the above project on Monday, May 7, 2012 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the 7800 Concourse Building – Board Room 101, located at 7800 Airport Center Drive in Greensboro.

NCDOT representatives will be available during the public meeting to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. Citizens are invited to speak individually with NCDOT officials and to review the project area map. Aerial mapping denoting the project area will be displayed at the meeting. The opportunity to submit written comments and questions will be provided. Citizens may attend at any time during the above hours. There will not be a formal presentation.

NCDOT proposes the construction of a new four-lane divided highway; the new location highway will connect N.C. 68 (near the proposed U.S. 220/ N.C. 68 Connector – TIP Project R-2413) with Bryan Boulevard west of the Greensboro Western Loop (Future I-73/ I-840). The purpose of this project is to complete a missing link in the I-73 corridor by joining the existing and future portions of I-73 in the Greensboro area. There are currently two alternatives under consideration.

The I-73 Connector will enhance north-south mobility and interstate connectivity through North Carolina and the Piedmont Triad region. The 1.6-mile project will require additional right-of-way acquisition and the relocation of homes and businesses.

A map displaying the location of the project and a copy of the <u>Environmental Assessment (EA)</u> are available for public review at the NCDOT Division 7 Office located at 1584 Yanceyville St., Greensboro and the City of Greensboro-Transportation Department, Melvin Municipal Office Building (3rd floor) - 300 West Washington St., Greensboro. Copies of the map are also available at:

http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/roadway/hearingmaps by county/

A copy of the EA is also available for review at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch of the Greensboro Public Library located at 1420 Price Park Rd., Greensboro.

For additional information, contact Ahmad Al-Sharawneh of the NCDOT - Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, by phone at (919) 707-6010 or via email at aalsharawneh@ncdot.gov. Comments may be submitted until May 31, 2012.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Al-Sharawneh as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.